



The Children in Nepal are back at school, after a long nine month in lock-down at home.

Great news for the kids, but some added pressure for the team in Nepal as they still have high levels of Covid-19 infections.

We're so proud of the kids and the team in Nepal, in difficult circumstances they've stayed safe and the kids have received a full program of home schooling, so they are probably better placed than ever for their return to school.



We have maintained regular ZOOM meetings with Raja (our country director) and are now looking at what life will be like Post-Covid!

The world will be different, we have learnt lessons from the whole pandemic experience and in Nepal there will be a long recovery time especially for all who are dependant on the tourism industry. The political situation in Nepal is in turmoil (again) with the dissolution of the House of Representatives and Raja and the team are seeking a way forward for the children we support that will give them some security in a volatile and precarious environment.

Some immediate actions that we're looking at to determine and deliver the security that we'll need in the "New Normal" are:

1. We will merge this project with our other GlobalGiving[GG] project so that we have one central focus for supporting the education of the children we look after.
2. We're planning to establish a 'Business Start-up Program' for students that have graduated Year 12 and who will not go on to tertiary studies. These programs will be clearly defined, budgeted, and have measurable outcomes to determine viability and success. We will also look at creating further GG projects that will invite support for each of the start-up projects.
3. We've learnt the benefits of home-schooling and online learning and will give the children extra educational support to give them an edge in a country that has a poor record for educating children.
4. We're seeking additional regular supporters to give IGWR greater financial security and will initiate a campaign to encourage more 'monthly contributors' in 2021.



So, overall, we've started 2021 with an optimistic outlook and a commitment to making a better future, and to go beyond the old normal as we tread a new journey in a new world.

Your contributions are what enable us to stay inspired and to continue making a difference.

The world is better today because of YOU.

And the wonder of children as they explore the world is so full of potential that together we become enablers of a new tomorrow.



The gift of sponsors, friends, GlobalGiving partners, regular contributors and volunteers is an amazing coming together of diverse individuals that collectively give the children in Nepal a chance for a future.

We give them, or share with them, the opportunities we have; opportunities that without us, they wouldn't have.

A small group that are contributing to a better future for all.

Please follow us now on our primary GlobalGiving project

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/after-school-support-to-30-needy-kids-in-nepal/>

And we'll keep you up-to-date with our activities via this primary GG project; also stay in touch as we'll be sharing new projects that you might also like to support as we move together into a post-Covid new normal.



And

Thank you again, for being part of a wonderful family that is supporting a number of wonderful families.

We are also sharing stories via our website and Facebook pages, and are happy to give supporters any further information on request.

We need your support now more than ever to get us through these difficult times, and some of our sponsors are also experiencing financial hardships. If you can share your story of giving with friends and encourage them to also be a part of this valuable community that would be awesome. With Covid-19 restrictions we cannot hold fundraising events, but perhaps we are heading toward a more compassionate world; perhaps the era of "giving" is becoming infectious.

Peace & Love, Peter H

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